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Voters narrowly pass budget article writing question

Selectmen asked to invalidate vote

(Lamoine) — By four votes, Lamoine residents approved a new order to force the Selectmen to un-cap budget articles for future town meetings. The final tally on November 2, 1999 was 304 in favor of the question and 300 opposed. Turnout was very heavy in the election which was coupled with a statewide ballot that included abortion and legalized marijuana questions.

Following the vote, resident Robert Sharkey requested the Selectmen declare the vote invalid on the grounds that people were confused by the ballot question. At a meeting two days following the vote, Mr. Sharkey called the question misleading. Selectmen agreed that even though they approved the wording of the question, in retrospect they found the issue to be confusing.

the question to the town's attorney, Tony Beardsley. A response is awaited on the many issues which surround the election.

The question came about after a petition was received in May asking that the Selectmen place before the town meeting an article that would force them to write budget articles in an uncapped manner. Prior to the vote, the Selectmen had several options in wording the budget articles at the annual town meeting. During the past two years the Board has opted to cap the articles, wording them in a manner which allows the article amounts to be lowered but not raised. There was some opposition stated to that practice at the annual town meeting last April which led to the petition drive.

The Selectmen asked Maine Municipal Association for an opinion on whether

Annual Town Election is March 7, 2000

(Lamoine) — Voters will head to the polls on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 to elect a slate of municipal officers for the town. The election is a little earlier than the usual April meeting as the Maine Presidential Primary will be held the same day. In deciding to combine the election dates, the Selectmen noted that more people are likely to cast ballots if the municipal election is combined with the party primaries. They also noted the cost for ballot clerks would be lower if only one election were held in the spring. The polls will also be open more hours for the primary election,

Two weeks later, Mr. Sharkey outlined several areas where he felt State Laws were not followed in regard to the acceptance of the petition, the writing of the referendum question, the manner in which the voting was conducted, and the handling of the voter list prior to the election.

The Selectmen opted to pass Mr. Sharkey's questions along to the legal services department at Maine Municipal Association. An attorney responded on December 2, 1999 that none of the allegations made by Mr. Sharkey were grounds to invalidate the vote, and the Selectmen do not have the power to do that. During that meeting, the Selectmen opted to pose

the petition question illegally eroded their ability to word the town meeting as they see fit. The opinion from MMA was that it did not.

During the public hearing on the matter, supporters of the question argued that mandating open-ended articles keeps the power with the town meeting instead of with the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen countered that only a few people attend town meeting, and a special interest group could easily undo the hard work of the budget committee by stacking a majority at the open town meeting. The Selectmen suggested that if voters don't like the capped articles, they should replace Selectmen instead of changing a policy.

giving more people the chance to go to the polls and cast their votes for the municipal officers.

Voters will elect one Selectman, two School Committee members, a tax Assessor, and a Town Clerk/Tax Collector this year. Nomination petitions became available in December, and must be returned by January 22, 2000 for names to appear on the March 7th ballot.

The incumbents for the seats are Richard Davis, Selectman; Griff Fenton and Anne Gommel, School Board; Colene Sharkey, Tax Assessor and Hubene Brodie, Town Clerk & Tax Collector.

The open town meeting to consider the budget and other articles vital to the running of the town will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 beginning at 6:00 PM. Town Reports will be prepared as of December 31, 1999 and distributed prior to the open town meeting. Specimen candidate ballots will be posted at the town hall, transfer station and Lamoine Consolidated School prior to the election to indicate who is on the ballot.

Voters who are not enrolled in a political party, enrolled in the Green Independent or Reform parties will be allowed to vote in the municipal election only on March 7th, but may not cast ballots in the Maine presidential primary.

Septic Saga Apparently at end

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Human Services (DHS) notified the town it is keeping track of plumbing permits it issues because of the controversial issuance of a permit to John & Anita Burns. The Division of Health Engineering recommended the Board of Selectmen revoke the permit based on the past history of the property failing at least 8 other site evaluations. The Selectmen took no action on the recommendation.

The permit was issued in July 1999 after Mr. Burns presented Local

Plumbing Inspector Rebecca Albright with a site design from a Brewer company. It was installed the day after issuance.

The site evaluator, Dennis Curran of CES Engineering, wrote to DHS saying he stands behind the design of the system and his evaluation of the soils and the setbacks in the area where the septic system was placed.

DHS asked the Attorney General's office to revoke the action but the request was turned down. The Board of Selectmen took no action on a local complaint.

Town gears up for disasters

(Lamoine) — By the time you read this, Y2K will have arrived, and the town expects no major disasters from the millennium change. However, some preparation work which will help in the event of a major power grid failure has taken place, just in case. The more likely occurrence would be another ice storm which paralyzed parts of Maine in 1998.

Recognizing the vulnerability to a long term electrical failure, the Lamoine Fire Department began the process of making the vital services accessible for backup power. The Department has three generators, two mounted in fire trucks and a large portable unit. Transfer switches will be mounted at the Cold Spring Water Company, the Fire House and the Lamoine Consolidated School. With heat and water available at two public buildings, it's felt many basic needs can be met. The switches will easily adapt to future, larger generators.

The Fire Department has also purchased a smaller portable generator which can be taken to individual homes to power sump pumps or start a furnace for some temporary heat.



Lamoine Fire Dept. Chief Engineer Mo Oliver looks over the electric panel before a generator transfer switch is installed.

Fire Calls Few

(Lamoine) — One could tell from the fire calls that November was unusually warm. There were no chimney fires, and in fact, no emergency calls for the Lamoine Fire Department.

The first chimney fire of the season came on December 6th at 4:30 PM to the Birchlawn Drive home of Dianne Richardson. Thirteen LVFD members responded with three engines on the pesky blaze and put it out with very minor damage. Creosote had built up in the chimney, even though a brush was used to clean it regularly. The problem was the brush had worn down over the years, and didn't reach all around the sides of the chimney, allowing the material

Firefighters welcomed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Fire Department is always looking for help, and the call has been answered in recent months by four recruits in the class of '99. Joining the volunteer company are Jason Mitschele and Margaret McQuinn who reside on Great Ledge Road. They were married on October 23rd. Margaret has a great deal of experience as an EMT. She's employed by KidsPeace in Ellsworth, and he is a commercial fisherman.

Gary McGreevey joined the department shortly after moving to town from Long Island, NY. He's taken an interest in fire education and helped present classes as the Lamoine School in October.

He lives on Lamoine Beach Road with his wife Maureen and several children.

Steve Valteau has been another welcome addition, joining in the fall of '99. He's employed by the Wendell Gilley museum in Southwest Harbor and lives on Sugarbush Drive with his wife, Bethany. All new members will receive

To complement the physical effort, the Board of Selectmen has adopted an emergency powers ordinance which gives them authority to declare emergencies and proceed with the emergency operations plan. The Lamoine plan was adopted in April, and while based on a state model has itself been used as a model plan for many other communities. The emergency powers ordinance is not likely to be used very often

Forest Service Grants Equipment

(Old Town) — The Ice Storm of 1998 has proven somewhat profitable in terms of obtaining fire equipment for many communities. Under a federal disaster grant, the Maine Forest Service was able to provide numerous communities with wildfire control gear, and Lamoine was no exception.

In November the town received several hand tools, including shovels, rakes, and special forestry fire axes, along with gloves and special shirts made of a fire resistant material. It's only part of the grant which totaled over \$5,500. Coming in the spring will be new Indian Tanks, a foam proportioning tool, and several lengths of special forestry fire hose and nozzles.

to cake up and eventually catch fire. It took about an hour and a half for the department to completely extinguish the blaze. Ms. Richardson was referred to a professional chimney sweep to clean out the rest of the chimney and repair the brush.

The only other call during the quarter came as a response to a minor automobile traffic accident for traffic control in October on Buttermilk Road.

The town applied for the grant after the ice storm. The equipment has been placed into service on the brush truck which is specifically outfitted for battling wildfires. Fire departments in Trenton and Ellsworth also received sizeable grants from the forest service, and gear which will compliment that received by Lamoine, so that combined a great deal of forest fire equipment is available for any major forest fires.

Lamoine's Fire Department also received a small payment from the forest service for use of the rescue boat on a small fire in an unorganized territory last summer. The boat and crew ferried a forest ranger and equipment to an island to help put out the fire.

Hydrant under exploration

(Lamoine) — Blunt's Pond provides a great deal of water, but it's virtually inaccessible to the fire department. The existing hydrant sucks up more sand than water and the department has been unable to maintain it.

Chief Skip Smith reported to the Selectmen he is exploring running a water line from the pond to Lamoine Beach Road over the road running by Latona Spring. The Selectmen asked him to come up with a cost estimate on the project, which is being done. If put in place, the hydrant could be a major fire protection source.

Fire Truck to sell at auction

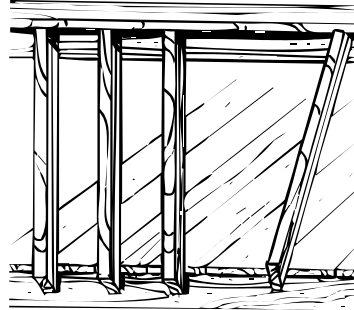
(Lamoine) — Having no luck advertising a 1958 American LaFrance fire truck, the Fire Department has put it out to bid. Sealed bids are due at the Town Hall by 6:00 PM on January 6, 1999, and will be opened at the fire house that evening. Bid specifics are available from the town hall.

Subdivision Proposed for Shore Road

(Lamoine) — A proposal pending before the Planning Board would divide a 27 acre lot into five parts of varying size. The proposal is from SARJOY, Inc. of Ellsworth and the preliminary design was presented by Stephen Joy, one of the owners of the company.

Members of the Planning Board toured the proposed subdivision on December 3, 1999, noting the layout of the proposed lots. The land has already been split in half, with a road leading toward the shore. One half will remain intact, with the half owned by SARJOY to be divided into four lots. The largest lot would have shore frontage, and Joy said he hopes to build a home on that particular piece.

Once the subdivision plans are finalized, the Planning Board will schedule a public hearing before taking final action on the subdivision. Abutting landowners will be notified about when the public hearing will take place. The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is for January 3, 2000 at 7:00 PM



Building Boom Continues in Lamoine

(Lamoine) — Despite the fact that fall is generally the slow season for construction, a number of building permits were issued since the last edition. They are as follow:

#	Name	Type
57	Bruce Gillett	Shed
58	Carol Korty	Addition
59	Gary McFarland	Residence
60	Roland Donovan	Residence
61	Ronald Becker	Residence
62	Richard Cohen	Garage
63	Leon Clark	Garage
64	Robert Tilden	Garage
65	Mike Garrett	Residence
66	Barry Norris	Residence

Gravel Permits Renewed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board renewed gravel extraction permits for Jay Fowler, Richard J. King, Inc., Harold MacQuinn, Inc., and the Town of Lamoine during its meetings in November and December. All four pits are currently in active operation, and restoration plans are on file in each case, with intents to restore also filed at the Hancock County Registry of Deeds.

The Town of Lamoine's application involved the rear portion of the old town landfill lot, where the gravel was sold to Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. Depletion of that gravel operation is expected in the next year or so. The town received a check for \$17,000 from Gott for the last round of extraction from the town owned land. The Gotts are also removing the gravel in front by the transfer station and making good progress on wrapping that operation up soon.

Appeal Revived?

Proposed Campground On Hold

(Lamoine) — Preliminary plans to construct a campground and sea kayaking operation at the corner of Mud Creek and Partridge Cove Roads are on hold for the time being. Possible problems finishing construction of a barn, which was originally permitted as a residence, have held up the operation.

The Planning Board was approached by a potential buyer for the barn and several acres of shorefront property, and asked whether she would need further permits to finish the apartment which was permitted in 1989. The Board replied that because it had been longer than two years since the permit's issue, the building is not grand-fathered, and should need a new permit for the conversion. Questions came from the Planning Board on the building's location within the floodplain.

The potential seller contacted the Planning Board and town office asking for clarification on the problem. The Code Enforcement Officer replied to the seller in December, explaining the plumbing permit cannot be transferred.

67	Virginia Johnson	Addition
68	Hank Veilleux	Slab
69	Stewart Workman	Garage
70	Nena Closson	Mobile Home
71	Walter Grenier	Residence
72	Grace Schimpf	Garage
73	Carlton Johnson	Addition
74	Robert Merchant	Mfg Home

By year's, there may be a record number of building permits issued.

Opening on Board of Appeals

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Appeals has an immediate opening for an Alternate member following the resignation of Dexter "Pete" Briggs this fall. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with regret, and thanked him for his service.

The Board meets on an as needed basis to determine if variances should be granted. Generally, there are fewer than five meetings a year, depending on the issues before the board.

Anyone interested in serving out the term until June 30th should contact the Town Office.

(Lamoine) — A Linden Lane resident who was referred back to the Code Enforcement Officer for an after-the-fact building permit for a deck has again asked for a variance from the Lamoine Board of Appeals. Lynn Tscheiller constructed the deck as an after-thought when her residence was built in early 1999. The trouble came when the deck was found to be too close to the abutting property line.

The Board of Appeals visited the property in question, but found it could not determine exactly where the property line ran. Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright and Ms. Tscheiller agreed to abide with a determination by a local surveyor who had completed some work on the property. Even after the agreed upon line, the deck is too close to the abutting land, therefore, the CEO has refused to issue the building permit.

Appeals Board Chair Fred Stocking has polled the rest of the board as to when the case should be re-opened and if a variance would be in order. During the last meeting between Ms. Tscheiller and the Board of Appeals, it was decided that the variance request could be reopened if the Building Inspector did not approve the after-the-fact permit request. A meeting date and public notice will be set for sometime in January when the CEO and Appeals board are able to meet.

Local Hauler reinstated at Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — One of the commercial trash haulers using the transfer station was found in violation of the commercial trash hauling standards adopted by voters several years ago. As a result, Russell Boynton, Jr. was barred from using the transfer station for 60-days, ending December 12th.

The Selectmen had warned Mr. Boynton after receiving complaints that he was dumping materials during closed hours. He admitted that he dumped a load during a time when he found the gate unlocked, but the station unmanned. The warning said that he was to strictly adhere to the commercial trash hauling rules, or face expulsion.

In October, a citizen observed Mr. Boynton picking up trash out of town, then

head back into Lamoine for disposal at the transfer station. When confronted by a Selectman and the town's administrative assistant, Mr. Boynton admitted the trash came from Ellsworth, and he tried to throw it out in Lamoine. The Selectmen held a special emergency meeting the next Monday, and imposed the 60-day suspension.

Additionally, a fine of nearly \$140 was imposed for an earlier dumping incident in which demolition material was improperly left at the transfer station. The fine coincided with the suspected extra weight multiplied by the price PERC charged for disposal. Mr. Boynton paid the fine in order for reinstatement in December.



It's not just dogs that keep the ACO busy

(Lamoine) — Lamoine's Animal Control Officer Harry Louder has been busy with the usual dog complaints, along with some other animals in town. Some of the

Lamoine Joins Recycling Cooperative

(Lamoine) — The Town of Lamoine is now a member of the Maine Resource Recovery Association, giving the town a chance to see some revenue from its recycled materials. The Selectmen voted to join the cooperative marketing organization in the fall after reviewing the cost figures vs. the estimated revenues.

The join-up fee was \$140, and there is a processing fee associated with each ton of paper, plastic, glass, tin and cardboard. However, the profits will more than cover the processing fee, and should pay for the membership fee as well.

One other benefit should be more timely and accurate reports on how much material is being recycled. While Sawyer Environmental has kept weight records, they have been slow to reach town at times.

More Improvements for Town Hall

Dog Licenses Due by January 31st

(Lamoine) — If you have a dog, and you have not licensed it for 2000, you are required to do so by January 31, 2000. After that date, the Town Clerk must impose a \$3.00 late fee for all dog registrations. After April 15, 2000 a warrant will be issued for all unlicensed dogs, and an additional \$10.00 fee per dog will be assessed.

It is more important than ever to license dogs because of the rabies outbreak which has reached Hancock County. The registration is for the protection of the owner, anyone who might come in contact with your dog, and the animal itself. If your dog gets loose and is not registered, it will be taken to the shelter and euthanized after 3-days. With a registration number, the town can track the owner and the rabies shot date to assure the animal was safe.

To register, current written proof of rabies vaccination is needed at the town office. If the dog has been neutered in the past year, that documentation is also needed.

If you no longer own a dog that was registered, please let the town office

animals have presented new challenges.

A Birchlawn Drive resident called to report pigs were tearing up her front yard. Mr. Louder managed to track down the owners by canvassing the neighborhood and the pigs are once again penned.

Two rabbits were taken to the animal shelter in Ellsworth after a Seal Point Road resident called to report that a neighbor's domesticated rabbit had gotten loose in the woods, been fruitful and multiplied. The pet rabbit was returned home.

The final unusual complaint involved a Shore Road dog which got loose and destroyed a neighbor's chickens. The neighbor and the dog owner came to some terms of agreement which will help keep the dog confined and make restitution for the chickens.

(Lamoine) — Folks serving on various town boards have enjoyed new chairs purchased in November. The old chairs were obtained on surplus from the Bangor Daily News, and were very heavy and scratched up the newly finished floor. They will be given to the fire department for auction. The old (ugly) blue chairs were disposed of via that route last summer.

The four new chairs have casters and high backs with cushioned seats. They cost about \$70 each. One more will be ordered to accommodate a full planning board meeting.

One other improvement came via the Cub Scouts. Willie Dickey, Devon McGreevey, Zachary Emeigh, and Matthew Pinkham applied a fresh coat of white paint to the fence outside the town office. Bill & Tammy Dickey led the exuberant bunch and the fence looks much nicer.

E-mail reminders prove popular

(Lamoine) — In response to folks asking why the town doesn't mail reminders for expired registrations, the Town Office has begun an e-mail reminder program. They're not mailed due to the time and expense, the e-mail takes little time and is very inexpensive.

During the first few weeks of sign up, a number of residents filled out a form

in the town office indicating what they'd like to be reminded of, including car registrations, dog licenses, town board meeting dates, community events and even e-mail compatible articles from the Lamoine Quarterly.

If you would like reminders, you can e-mail the town office at lamoine@acadia.net.

Budget Committee Begins Review

(Lamoine) — It's way too early to know what property taxes will look like next year, but the annual budget review has begun, and by the end of December, all the non-school budget requests had been presented to the committee. As proposed, the non-education side of the budget would increase by \$670, or .2-percent when compared to the budgets approved for the current fiscal year. The figure is subject to final adjustments by the budget committee.

Among the plans for the coming fiscal year are paving a portion of Needle's Eye Road and a portion of Mill Road. An increase is expected for the cost of recycling, as the contract in effect expires next April.

Though expenses are relatively flat, revenues are down significantly as the sale of gravel has come to an end. The town also was able to tap into a reserve fund for paving this year which is depleted for next year. A large appropriation from the dump closing fund is proposed, along with the use of \$30,000 from the surplus account. The education budget will be reviewed in January.

Town Forecloses on One Property

(Lamoine) — Unpaid property taxes on a piece of property near Lamoine Beach has resulted in an automatic foreclosure to the Town of Lamoine. The foreclosures occurred on December 17, 1999 on Map 14 Lot 1. The lots was owned by a gentleman in Connecticut who now resides in a rest home . It is land only. Per town meeting instruction, the Selectmen will give the former owner the first refusal to redeem the property for all unpaid taxes. Failure to respond within 30-days will result in a public, sealed bid auction with a minimum bid of all past due taxes, interest, and fees. The winning bidder will receive a quit-claim deed from the Town of Lamoine.

Map 14 Lot 1 is a 3.2 acre piece of land bordering Route 184 (Lamoine Beach Road), and apparently was once home to the LeMoyné Inn. It was formerly owned by Harold Windish of Connecticut. The town has given him 30-days to respond to redeem the land. After that, bids will be advertised in local papers and at the town office should the owners opt not to redeem. Several parties have expressed interest in the land.

Welcome to Lamoine package in the works

(Lamoine) — For those who've lived in Lamoine for a while, the interaction with town government is pretty routine. But, folks just moving here from another community, or another state, might have a hard time knowing all the little nuances of a small town. Toward that end, Town Clerk Hubene Brodie has begun the process of compiling a packet for new residents.

Included in the packet will be explanations on vehicle registration, hunting and fishing licenses, waste disposal, boat, ATV and snowmobile registrations, dog registrations, the various ordinances of Lamoine, and other useful information. A copy of the latest *Lamoine Quarterly* and the town report will be included, along with information from the Lamoine School and the Baptist Church. Any other organization is welcome to contribute to the package as a way of helping new residents feel more welcome in the community. The booklet will begin compilation in January, and should be ready for distribution by April, 2000

Mystery at Transfer Station

(Lamoine) — Occasional surveillance will begin at the Lamoine Transfer station following some mysterious happenings during the fall. Someone has picked the lock on the gate, leaving it open at odd hours, or locking it so no one can get in at other times.

The gate was locked with two lengths of chain. One side was padlocked with the town's weather-proof lock. The other had a padlock from Sawyer Environmental installed, so that only one lock need be opened to get the gate open.

The culprit was able to open both locks, and on a number of occasions, had re-locked the transfer station so both locks had to be opened. That kept out the parties who needed to be there, and resulted in some early morning trips to let the trash truck in to empty the dumpster.

Currently, there is only one lock, and that seems to have alleviated the problem. An anonymous donation of a video camera system will be installed in the near future and run occasionally to see if the culprit can be caught. Anyone having information about the tampering is asked to contact the town office.

Lamoine is well lit to end 1900s



Calvin Smith's beautiful display on Asas's Lane

(Lamoine) — The town put on its usual display of brilliance before the Christmas holiday this year. Besides the featured photo, other nice displays were put up by **Jim & Betty Anderson** on Jordan River Road, **David & Bonnie Mouland** and **Rick & Connie Wallace** on Buttermilk Road, **Earl & Carol Smart**, **Buck & Debbie Page**, and **Gerald**

and **Ludel Payson** on Douglas Highway (all across from Dick King's), **Hubene Brodie** and **David Smallidge** in North Lamoine. Mrs. Brodie also decorated the Town Hall nicely with a tree, wreaths, window boxes and garland all tastefully done for the holidays. Many thanks to all who make Lamoine beautiful!



Richard J. King, Inc.'s huge display warranted a color picture in the Bangor Daily News

Census 2000 work under way

(Boston) — Every ten years the population of the United States is measured, and next April 1st is the effective date. The Census Bureau is looking for workers to help canvas households to determine the number of people and other confidential statistical information. If you are interest-

ed in a temporary part time job with the Census Bureau, you can call the Bangor office at 973-1741, extension #109.

The accurate count of the town's population ensures that Lamoine will get it's fair share of state and federal aid for schools and other vital projects.

Lamoine General Store has new owners

(Lamoine) — There are new, smiling faces behind the counter of the Lamoine General Store. As of November 1, 1999, Edward and Penelope Ciampa are the new owners of the store on Douglas Highway, the town's only retail establishment.

The Ciampas purchased the store from Ruth Keene, who built the store in 1996. The new owners also own 124 Cottage Street, a restaurant in Bar Harbor, and will continue to operate the popular eatery.

Mr. Ciampa said the store is a nice compliment to the restaurant business which booms in the summer. He said they used to travel south for the winter

after closing the restaurant, but the store will make it worth their while to stick around the area. He said that was important as their son Anthony is of school age.

The Ciampas have made a few noticeable changes at the store since taking over ownership, and they report business is still very good. A big change which may be on the horizon will be installation of gasoline pumps. Mr. Ciampa appeared before the Planning Board in December to learn about the process of gaining permission to install the gas tanks, and is working on the permit application. He hopes to get board approval during the winter and install the tanks and



Meet the New Owners

Ed, Anthony, and Penelope Ciampa show off their new purchase, the Lamoine General Store. They took over November 1st and have been a hit with the regulars and folks "from away."

News from our Neighbors

(Hancock) — The Town of Hancock has hired Stacey Clement as the town's new Administrative Assistant to the Selectpersons. Ms. Clement has served the community as town clerk for several months, and replaces Marian Anderson who resigned during the summer.

(Ellsworth) — The new Ellsworth Area Community Center has opened in the Mill Mall as a place for children in grades 6-to-12 to go as an alternative to hanging out at the malls. The center reports brisk business in the first month of operation. It features game tables and several computers for homework assistance. It is managed by the Downeast Family YMCA, but is governed by a separate board of directors.

(Hancock) — A joint meeting is set for January 5, 2000 in Hancock as Selectboards from Lamoine, Sullivan, and Mt. Desert get together to discuss cable television. All four communities have contracts with Adelphia Corporation which expire in a short time. They'll discuss options for improving those contracts.

Lamoine joins power option pool

(Augusta) — When electric deregulation hits on March 1st, the town should be in a positive position for the least expensive power purchase for its buildings, excluding the school. The Selectmen voted to join the Maine Power Options group which is a consortium of many Maine communities and quasi governmental organizations. Because of the size of the power bills in Lamoine, membership in the organization is free.

The consortium will negotiate an aggregate power purchase from one of the many power providers in the de-regulated

industry. With more than 350 members, the purchasing power of the consortium is expected to be considerable.

The consortium is currently preparing a request for proposals to supply electrical power for its members. At the same time, the Public Utilities Commission is in the process of determining the standard rate for people currently using Bangor Hydro Electric, which becomes the default power rate for people who do not choose an energy supplier. It's complicated, but very similar to what has happened in the telephone industry.

Roads Repaired

(Lamoine) — The town roads in Lamoine were in good shape going into winter. Repairs to culverts were made on Needle's Eye Road and Mill Road. Some ditch work was completed on Raccoon Cove Road and Needle's Eye Road. The work was performed by Jay Fowler and Richard King, Inc. Seal Point Road and Berry Cove Road were graded by Harold MacQuinn, Inc.

Once winter passes, the road commissioner will survey the roads again and determine what more needs to be done.

Community Care Group Ready

By Dartha Reid

(Lamoine)— If you know of a neighbor or relative that would enjoy a phone call, a friendly visit, or needs a ride to an appointment, the Lamoine Community Care Volunteers are ready, willing and able to help.

To connect with the group, you can contact the Lamoine Town Office at 667-2242, and your request will be forwarded to the group.

(Trenton) — Voters in this community have given the go-ahead for an addition and gymnasium at the Trenton Elementary School. The two projects combined will cost over \$2.8 million. The gym article passed by two votes. The school board had put similar projects out to vote in the past few years, but they failed to win support.

(Mount Desert Island) — Voters passed a 7-million dollar bond question to build an addition and renovate MDI High School. The measure passed easily in all the School Union 98 Towns. Part of the cost may be borne by Lamoine and Trenton, which both send a number of students to MDI High. The high school has given 2-years notice that it intends to increase tuition by 10% to help pay for the project.

(Ellsworth) — Tax Assessor Carol Oliver has resigned to take a similar position in Bucksport. Mrs. Oliver once served as a Selectman in Lamoine and still owns rental properties in town. Her husband, Mo, is the chief engineer of the Lamoine Fire Department. Former Lamoine Code Enforcement Officer John Fink is filling in as Ellsworth's CEO while the city's CEO John Dunn recovers from an illness. Lamoine resident John Holdsworth is covering the plumbing inspection duties for Mr. Dunn

The Principal's Column

By Val Perkins

(Lamoine) — This past October we tested grades 5 through 8 with the Stanford Diagnostic Mathematics Test, 4th edition. The test was divided into two sections, Concepts/Applications and Computation. Under the Concepts/Applications area the skills tested included: number systems & numeration, whole numbers, rational numbers, problem solving, graphs and tables, statistics and probability, and geometry and measurement. Under the Computation section the children were asked questions about: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, multiplication operations, operations with fractions and mixed numbers, operations with decimals & percents, plus solving equations. The test included about 30 questions in each subsection and took approximately 1 hour to complete.

The overall results showed that the children were doing quite well in the Concepts/Applications area and not so well in the Computation area. As a result of the findings, we are making an effort across the grade span to help children be-

come proficient in the computation skill areas. Some students are even staying after school to receive extra help on the Wednesday afternoon late bus run. We are planning on a follow up with the same test, but with a different level, to get a comparison on yearly progress. Testing is an important part of evaluating programming and teaching at our school.

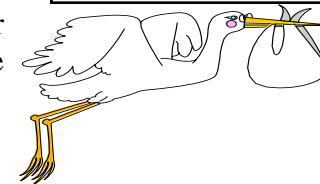
Another important area that I am pleased to see progress in is a coordinated instructional curriculum for the Lamoine School. The staff and I have been busy during our in service days identifying where we feel that concepts can best be introduced, reinforced and proficiency demonstrated. This preliminary work has been completed and is in draft form. If you would like to take a closer look, please stop by or give me a call at school. The next step is to design the assessments that we will be using to determine if our children have gained proficiency in the various content areas.

Athletic Fields Nearly Complete

Crisis Plan Developed

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School Committee will review a crisis plan drafted by a six member panel assembled by principal Val Perkins. The plan identifies three levels of crises, from minor to major, and the steps the school should take to deal with the situations. Recent events such as the Columbine High shootings in Colorado have prompted schools across the nation to look at such plans. The draft plan covers areas such as counseling to lock downs and evacuations.

Art Show Notice—Saturday, August 5, 2000 the first Annual Lamoine Art Show is planned for the lawn of the Historical Society. All town residents are invited to show their work. Contact Mascha Litten or Joan Bragdon, and start on the art work now!



One Ba- by

(Bangor) — Welcome to **Cameron Alan Grant** who was born on November 23, 1999 at Eastern Maine Medical Center to

(Lamoine) — As winter set in, what looks like little ski slopes cover the Lamoine Athletic Fields behind the school. The mounds are actually loam and infield mix for the fields, and will be spread out during the spring months, then seeded.

The Ballfield fundraising has been very successful, with over \$10,000 donated thus far. The committee held a supper in October, a bottle drive in December, and has accepted numerous donations

from the community. The money is being used for items that could not be received through donations. Those items include the loam and infield mix, and fencing for the backstops. The poles have been set for the backstops by Bangor Hydro Electric employees who live in town. Materials for the dugouts have been delivered, and students from the Boggy Brook Training Center have agreed to take that on as a project in the near future.



A bit distorted thanks to picture stretching, but the athletic fields wait for spring

Zinc offers help for colds

By Cece Day, Health Officer

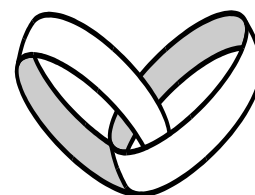
(Lamoine) — It's cold season, and recent medical research indicates zinc lozenges may shorten a common cold. The researchers think zinc may inhibit the cold virus from reproducing and help boost the immune system.

Five of 11 studies have found benefits from using zinc. The most recent study by Mossad in 1996 found zinc reduced the length of a cold by 42%!

How much zinc is recommended? Most lozenges contain 10mg, and 6 lozenges per day are recommended. It's best to start with zinc within 24 hours of the onset of a cold for the most effective relief. Zinc is readily available over the counter at most stores that sell cold remedies..

If you consider taking zinc, you must take it by mouth, and let it dissolve slowly instead of chewing and swallowing it. Side effect include a bad taste, nausea, and mouth irritation. Do not exceed the recommended dosage.

Stacey Covey. Mom is a long time Lamoine resident as are grandparents Walter and Diane Cove of Partridge Cove Rd.



And One Wedding Too

(Dedham) — Congratulations to **Frances Gandy and Scott Smith** who were married on October 5, 1999 in Dedham. The newlyweds live on Douglas Highway in the summer months, and spend their winters in the Sunshine State.



January 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					31-Transfer station open noon to 5pm	1-Office & transfer station closed New Year's Day
2-Transfer Station open 8am to 5pm	3-7:00 Planning Board	4	5-6:00 PM Joint Selectmen's Mtg. in Hancock	6-7PM Fire Dept	7	8
9	10-7:00 Budget Cmte. & School Board	11	12	13-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Department	14	15
16	17- State Holiday	18	19	20-7PM Fire Dept.	21	22-Noon, nomination papers due back
23	24	25-Clerk's Office closed until 1:30 PM (meeting)	26	27-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Department	28	29
30	31					

February 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3-7PM Fire Dept.	4	5
6	7-6:30 School Cmte 7:00 Planning Board	8	9	10-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Department	11	12
13	14	15	16	17-7PM Fire Dept.	18	19
20	21-Office closed, President's Day	22	23	24-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Department	25	26
27	28	29-Clerk's Office closed until 1:30 PM, meeting				

March 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2-7PM Fire Dept.	3	4
5	6-6:30 School Cmte. 7:00 Planning Board	7-10am to 8pm Voting, Town Meeting & Pres. Primary	8	9-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	10	11
12	13	14	15	16-7PM Fire Dept.	17	18
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